

# **Montana Newsletter**

***Montana State Library***

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**Twenty-seven libraries will receive grants to help purchase LaserCat workstations** following approval of their applications by the State Library Commission during its April 29 meeting in Bozeman. The libraries are: Prairie County, Terry; Boulder Community; Roosevelt County, Wolf Point; Lincoln Branch of Lewis & Clark Library; Harlowton Public; Madison Valley, Ennis; Phillips County, Malta; Whitefish High School; Belgrade Community; Glendive Public; Valier Public; Fallon County, Baker; Two Eagle River School, Pablo; Thompson-Hickman County, Virginia City; Utterback Middle School, Conrad; Broadwater County, Townsend; Plenty Coups High School, Pryor; Ryegate School; Great Falls Vo-Tech; Meagher City-County, White Sulphur Springs; St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula; Ronan City; Judith Basin County, Stanford; Lambert Public School; Henry A. Malley, Broadus; National Center for Appropriate Technology, Butte, and Plains School.

**At press time, residents of Lewis & Clark County had not yet voted on a \$621,976 emergency mill levy** which would benefit the Lewis & Clark Library, among other agencies. The levy, scheduled for the June 2 primary election ballot, had been significantly trimmed by the County Commission from \$1.4 million. Library Director Debbie Schlesinger predicted a significant reduction in hours, elimination of jobs and a major book budget decrease should the levy fail.

**Two library-related programs will air on Bozeman public TV station KUSM next month.** The first, "People's Palace," will be broadcast Monday, July 13, at noon. On Thursday, July 16, at noon, "Memory and Imagination: New Pathways to the Library of Congress" will be shown. "Memory and Imagination" is an award-winning film about how the Library of Congress functions as a "memory bank of mankind" and the implications of new technologies for sharing its resources with the world.

**Libraries intending to apply for a fiscal 1993 LSCA LaserCat Grant** should use the forms provided in the LaserCat section of the "Montana 1993 LSCA Titles I & III Grant Application Guidelines." (If a library is only applying for a LaserCat Grant, a letter of intent is not required.) The guidelines packet was mailed in early May to all libraries listed in the 1992 Montana Library Directory; if you did not receive one and need one, call Library Development at 444-5349.

**In the Press Roundup section of the May newsletter,** there was an item about Missoula Public Library having the highest circulation of any Montana library, followed closely by Parmly Billings Library. Apparently newspaper clippings can be wrong, since it's actually Lewis & Clark Library in Helena that claims that distinction. L&C circulated 455,970 items during 1991. Sorry about that.

**The Mansfield Library at UM is seeking copies of Polk's city directories** from 1980 to 1990 for all Montana cities except Missoula. In return, the library has hundreds of old Missoula city directories and a few from other cities. For a free list of the directories Mansfield Library has available for trade, contact Chris Mullin, Special Collections Librarian, Mansfield Library, University of Montana, Missoula, 59812.

**Susan Long, director of the Kalispell Regional Hospital Library, has been honored** with the Medical Library Association's Award for Excellence and Achievement in Hospital Librarianship. Long, who said she was surprised and very honored by the award, received it during the MLA's annual conference May 20 in Washington, D.C. She has been director of the Kalispell hospital library since 1975.

"Daniels County Library/Chamber of Commerce," is how the phone is being answered in Scobey these days. The library agreed several months ago to be a central information point for people to get the lowdown on local events, said Marlene Machart, assistant librarian. While chamber-related calls have been few so far, Machart noted the phone number hasn't been listed in the local phone book under the chamber's name yet. She said response to the idea has been good, adding, "Some callers are surprised." Future joint projects include a community events calendar.

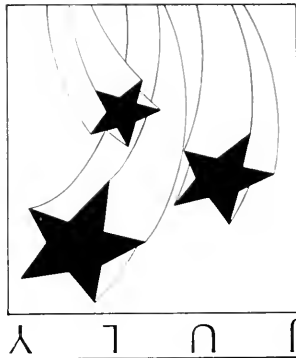
**Upcoming conferences:** "Inside the PC: A Hands-On Approach to Hardware and Software Problems," Friday, July 17, The University of Texas at Austin; "APPM and Archival Cataloging: A Workshop in the Practical Application of Archives, Personal Papers and Manuscripts, 2nd Edition," Thursday and Friday, July 30-31, Austin, TX. Contact David Terry at 512-471-8806. "Information Technology: IT's for Everyone!" Library and Information Technology (LITA) Third National Conference, September 13-16, Denver; contact LITA at the American Library Association, 800-545-2433.

"Read...Think...Dream" is the theme for this year's 73rd annual Children's Book Week, November 16-22, 1992. Sponsored by the Children's Book Council, Children's Book Week aims to promote literacy and encourage the reading and enjoyment of books among young people. Caldecott Honoree Fred Marcellino has created an official Book Week poster, while other well-known artists and authors have designed special streamers and written special poems to celebrate the week. CBC is selling a complete Book Week Kit for \$27.50. For more information, contact CBC at 212-966-1990.

Great Falls Public Library has a big, stand-alone book drop bin to give away. Call Jim Heckel at 453-0181 if you are interested.

#### The following meetings and events are scheduled for JUNE/JULY:

June	6-11	Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, San Francisco
July	3	Fourth of July Holiday
	13	Center for the Book Steering Committee, Helena
	24	Library Services Advisory Council, Helena
	24-25	Cultural Congress (Montana Arts Council), Bozeman
	25-July 2	ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco
	27	Western Montana Book Fair, Missoula



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